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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES - BOAT CASES

SUMMARY: SEVENTY THREE REFUGEES WHO SURVIVED 12 WEEK VOYAGE LANDED IN NORTH CORNER OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA OVER WEEKEND OF JUNE 25-26. MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION AND ETHNIC AFFAIRS MACKELLAR ISSUED STATEMENT THAT REFUGEESS WOULD BE GIVEN PERMISSION TO REMAIN TEMPORARILY WHILE THEIR LONG TERM POSITION RESOLVED. END SUMMARY.

1. BACKGROUND: ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS GROUP OF FOUR BOATS LEFT VIETNAM AT END OF MARCH TRAVELLING ALONG COAST OF MALAYSIA AND THEN VIA JAVA AND TIMOR. BOATS REPORTEDLY LEFT INDONESIA ON JUNE 20. ONE BOAT BROKE DOWN AND IS BELIEVED TO BE STILL IN INDONESIAN WATERS. SOME PASSENGERS ON DISABLED CRAFT TRANSFERRED TO OTHER BOATS AND THE THREE CONTINUED VOYAGE TO AUSTRALIA.

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2. REFUGEES LANDED IN TWO GROUPS. ONE BOAT WITH GROUP OF 28 REFUGEES ANCHORED OFF THE COAST NEAR CAPE DOMETT, CAMBRIDGE GULF. THE OTHER TWO SAILED TO PORT OF WYNDHAM, WESTERN AUSTRALIA. THE REFUGEES, RANGING IN AGE FROM THREE MONTHS TO 67 YEARS, REPORTEDLY IN GOOD HEALTH ALTHOUGH TWO REQUIRED HOSPITAL ATTENTION.

3. PLANS NOW IN PROGRESS TO TRANSFER REFUGEES TO SYDNEY
WHERE THEY WILL HAVE MEDICAL CHECKS AND BE INTERVIEWED
RE ELIGIBILITY TO REMAIN IN AUSTRALIA.

4. EDITORIAL COMMENT RE ARRIVAL OF REFUGEES GENERALLY
FAVORABLE HOWEVER AT LEAST TWO EDITORIALS HAVE USED
OCCASION TO POINT TO LOOPHOLES IN AUSTRALIAN COASTAL
SURVEILLANCE DEFENSE SYSTEM.

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